REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. <u>35 U.S.C. § 121</u>

The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following sets of claims:

- I. Claims 1-8, 12-19 and 23-30 drawn to providing a user an alternative redemption product, classified in class 705, subclass 14; and
- II. Claims 9-11, 20-22 and 31-33 drawn to detecting the presence of an electronic system, classified in class 455, subclass 67.12.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect invention I, claims 1-8, 12-19 and 23-30, without traverse.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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